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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0094

FOR EA/ANP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PP

SUBJ: INQUIRY ABOUT COURT CASE

REF: 75 PORT MORESBY 1210, 75 STATE 285498

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (PAUL BENGO) HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT AN ALLEGED COURT CASE PENDING AGAINST LEONARD A. SAWYER, SPEAKER OF WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SAWYER WILL ARRIVE IN PNG SOON TO DISCUSS LARGE SCALE INVESTMENTS HERE.

2. FYI. EDITOR OF POST COURIER TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLY YESTERDAY THAT SAWYER HAS BEEN UNDER SECRET GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGED KICKBACKS AND IS UNDER COURT ORDER TO RETURN TO U.S. BY FEB. 15. HE SAID SAWYER IS DUE TO ARRIVE HERE FEB. 14, AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO U.S. BY FEB. 15. ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WASHINGTON ATTEMPTED TO REACH ME BY TELEPHONE YESTERDAY, BUT I WAS OUT, AND AP DID NOT CALL BACK. I SUSPECT THE CALL COULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT SAWYER. END FYI.

3. IF THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION ABOUT SAWYER'S ACTIVITIES WE HOPE THERE IS ENOUGH INFO IN PUBLIC DOMAIN SO THAT WE CAN BE RESPONSIVE TO INQUIRY. WILL APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFO DEPT CAN OBTAIN.

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